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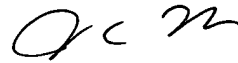
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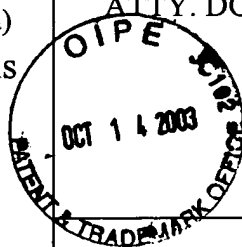
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	A9	International Search Report, Application No. PCT/US03/19865, MAILED September 12, 2003.					

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